

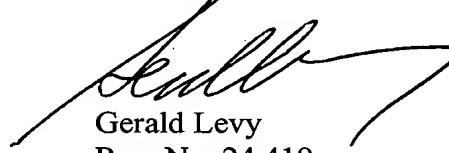
REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, applicant has elected the claims of Group I for prosecution on the merits. Claims 30, 32, 33, 83 and 84 are readable on the elected species.

Claim 30 has been amended herein in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)(2)(ii). Regarding claim 31, such claim was indeed canceled. The reference to claim 31 on page 2 of the Preliminary Amendment filed on August 13, 1998 was in error.

An early action on the merits is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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